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TO : Chief, SE

DATE: 7 APR 1955

FROM : C

SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBHUNT

SPECIFIC— (C) Status Report on Agent Standbys for Period
1 - 31 March 1955

REF: 1 - C 9748, 4 March 1955
2 - SGAA 14499, 11 March 1955
3 - SGAA 14652, 22 March 1955

Action Requested: None; for information and files.

Synopsis:

- a. AILICH transferred to Khalkis.
- b. AIRWISE trial not yet resolved.
- c. Psychiatric assessments of four Agent Standbys.

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Account of Developments:

1. There are eight OBHUNT agent standbys.

2. AILICH returned to Athens from Megara on 1 March. Conditions on the chicken farm had gone from bad to worse and he could no longer continue working there. He reported to the Dig where arrangements were immediately made to move him to Khalkis. He was informed he was to remain in Khalkis until we were ready to start training. AILICH was instructed to telephone this office when he was settled.

3. On the 15th and 23rd of March, AILICH reported by telephone and indicated he was in good health and all was in order. On the 29th of March AILICH came to Athens and was met at the Dig by C. A long discussion was conducted on the forthcoming mission which will be reported in an operational dispatch by C. AILICH spent the night at the Dig and returned to Khalkis the following morning. He was told he would be called back to Athens in approximately two weeks and at that time should report directly to the Dig, bypassing the usual stop at BGCANTAR.

4. RNORDAIN has astutely remained aloof from any trouble. He continues to live quietly in Athens with AIRSLACK. In addition to the semi-weekly telephone contacts, C has met with him at the Cave on several occasions. He has been very useful in liaison with the family of AIRWISE and in supplying information on the situation at Menidi.

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5. AIRSLACK, one of the Menidi participants, has been in quiet seclusion since the Menidi incident. Other than our contacts with him through RNORDAIN, there is nothing new to report that has not been reported in references 1 and 3.

6. AIRWISE and AIRBORNE have been restricted to the locale of the Annapolis safehouse since they were moved there following the activities covered by first and third reference. They are completely repentant and anxious to do whatever we feel necessary to re-instate their positions. They have been visited regularly by [] and [].

7. It has not yet been resolved whether or not AIRWISE will have to stand trial. HBHADDOCK and BGCANTAR are cooperating in an effort to have the charges set aside. All the injured participants of the "donnybrook" have recovered and it is hoped the incident will fade from importance. GAINFUL has been alerted, but in view of the retention of AIMARL by the family of AIRWISE, it will be difficult for GAINFUL to take positive, overt action at this time.

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8. AIPUMP, AIRWAY and AIRBLOWN, as was reported in third reference, are attending the Benchfitters Course in Pireaus regularly. They have remained clear of Athens and have managed to avoid trouble. It must be stated here, contrary to recent reports, the three W/T's have always maintained a high level of personal behavior. Their recent involvements have not been through action instigated by them and their participation in the Menidi affair was sheer accident.

9. They have contacted this office at regular intervals and have been met by [] on five occasions. Because AIRBLOWN's activities are so closely associated with AIPUMP and AIRWAY, we will continue to include him in the Standby Report rather than the CBSIDIOUS Monthly Report.

10. AIPUMP was interviewed by [] and [] on 14 March relative to the Wednesday Mission. He accepted readily and to date has only been told he and AIRBORNE comprise the team.

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11. AICOOL is still residing at Rafina and contrary to his attitude about the place all winter, is enjoying his residence no end. This can be attributed to the arrival of warm weather and a suspicion, on our part, that young AICOOL has become enamoured.

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12. On 7 and 8 March [] [] conducted psychiatric assessments of the following agents; AIRWISE, AIRBORNE, AIRWAY and AIRSLACK. The tests were intended to determine their qualification for immigration to the U.S. under PL 203. All were found to be psychiatrically qualified for entry into the U.S.

13. It should be noted that the psychiatrist saw no psychological reasons that should restrict the continued use of AIRWISE. It has been the concern of both Headquarters and case officers in the field that AIRWISE may have had more than his share of operations. It is Veague's opinion that AIRWISE has himself under full control.

14. ²²AIRWAY, although psychiatrically qualified for immigration, would not qualify due to the fact he had been a Communist Party member within the last five years. Veague had the feeling, which he admits was not based on specific facts, that AIRWAY was being evasive during his interview. He suggested that we LCFLUTTER AIRWAY. It has been our intention to LCFLUTTER AIRWAY for the record as a regular course of action. In view of Veague's suggestion, we will do this at the first opportunity.

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